IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Sylvie VAN DER WERF et al.)) Group Art Unit: 1648
Application No.: 10/581,354) Examiner: Peng, Bo
Filed: April 12, 2007) Confirmation No.: 2044
For: USE OF PROTEINS AND PEPTIDES ENCODED BY THE GENOME OF A NOVEL SARS- ASSOCIATED CORONAVIRUS STRAIN))))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2010, the period for response having been extended to July 20, 2010, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently; please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper and begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendments section of this paper starting on page 8.

Attachment:

- 1) Sequence Alignment
- 2) Partial invention report
- 3) WO 2009/085025